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NEWS SUMMARY.

Foreign.—M. de Brazza reached Stanley Pool, not dead after all. French brig *Roubergy* collides at sea with another vessel; eighty-eight persons perished. James Davis, Secretary of London and San Francisco Bank, decapitated with \$200,000 of the bank's property. China addresses a circular to foreign powers about France and Tonquin. Joseph Poble captured to death. C. W. Siemens, electrician, dead. Crown Prince of Germany welcomed at Genoa, and is on the road to Spain. British steamer *Colaba* sinks; eighteen lives lost. Agarian troubles in Russia. Saffet Pacha, ex-Grand Vizier of Turkey, dead; most of those fellows are ex's, cause why? they get fired out about once a day. M. de Lesseps delivered addresses at Liverpool and Manchester on the Suez canal matters; a brisk old chap he is, to whom all quarters of the globe seem alike. Nuncio coming from Rome to United States. Secret Societies in Europe resolving upon various political murders. Egyptian forces under Hicks Pasha moved up by False Prophet. James Russell Lowell elected rector of St. Andrews University, Edinburgh.

Domestic. Steamer *Manistee* lost on Lake Superior, with all hands. Matthew Arnold lectured in New Haven. Forfeiture of *Cesnoia* libel suit still progressing; about patching up craven images. Evacuation Day Centennial to be observed in N. Y. City, with much pomp. Chicago, Ill. & St. Paul R. R. said to be negotiating for Manitoba R. R. New Ahaden Quicksilver Co., sued for \$200,000. Bessemer Steel Works at Pittsburgh close their rail department. Murderer of Ada Atkinson lynched by mob at Fowler, Ind. Florida Everglades exploring party considered to be in danger. William Porter (one of the "Shang" Draper murderers) acquitted. Supplies probably being sent to Haiti by schooners from N. Y. Madison issues his manifesto to the Readjusters. Anna Dickinson, to lecture under the auspices of the Knights of Labor, better than *Hamel*, though not much better. Pere Hyacinthe's preaching in the Church of the Holy Spirit and in French, of course. Madison Ave. M. E. church dedicated and cleared of debt. Central Labor Union decline to parade on Evacuation Day, that being none of their funeral obsequies as it were. Pythethia in New Brunswick. Losses by storm on the great lakes. General Massey here with some religious-philosophical-ludicrous sort of lectures. Football flourishing except at Harvard; nothing special in other sporting news. Tariff reform meeting at Cooper Institute; H. W. Beecher presided and speeches by D. A. Wells and Henry Watterson. John Chisholm was properly and sufficiently lauded at Newark.

ABOUT TOWN.

Peloubet & Co. have not as yet adopted the new standard time. Mr. J. A. Johnson returned from Germany on Wednesday in the steamer *Hammonia*. Mr. Wm. Crease, who was recently seriously injured by a fractious horse, is able to be out. Walter E. Lee, of Honthorn, Passaic county, has rented the cottage of Mr. H. Prentice, at Brookdale. We learn with much regret that Mr. W. B. Chambers is quite ill, being bed with a very bad cold on his lungs. The rubber works shut down on Thursday and it is understood will not begin operations until January 1st, 1884. It is reported on authority of Supt. Reasoner that another slight change will be made in the Bloomfield Branch time-table in a few days. On Thursday morning John H. Chisholm, the wife murderer, was hanged in the yard of the Essex County jail, and "desecrated justice" is satisfied. We are glad to hear that Prof. Wm. Fiderit is so far recovered from his long illness as to be able to resume his duties at the Seminary and Westminster Church organ. Messrs. Walter Brown and Frank L. Baker, employees of the Rubber Company, left for Boston, Thursday, where they will remain until work is resumed at the works here. Mr. F. Holland, an employee of Peloubet & Co., is erecting a commodious dwelling on Arlington Avenue, West-siding, adjoining the property of his father-in-law, Mr. T. F. Pierson. A simple-looking boy, on the Montclair train on Wednesday evening, was noticed to pin a placard with the word "duke" on the back of one of the respected citizens of that place. Messrs. W. A. Akers and Charles Lockwood represented the Olive Branch Lodge of Odd Fellows, of this place, at the grand State gathering of that order at Trenton, the first of this week.

—There was a resolute and calm air to certain of the Y. E.'s as they returned to their seats at Dr. Robinson's lecture on the evening of the bonfire. It was plain that good clothes wouldn't have stood in the way one bit.

—Contracts to build nine new dwellings near the Watchung depot of Greenwood Lake R. R., have been given to well-known builders, and work is already commenced. This is a very desirable locality, just outside our township line.

—The D. L. & W. R. R. Company ought to give us a running platform between the two tracks. It is very inconvenient at present to reach the high steps, especially for the ladies. The brakemen are the only persons who appear to like it.

—The course of lectures in the Park M. E. Church was finished last evening with Rev. Dr. Fowler's celebrated subject, "Great Deeds of Great Men." The lectures have been profitable both to the Church and to those who have been able to attend.

—On Thursday next the Water Company will have laid just two miles of mains and set eighteen hydrants. Work will then be discontinued until spring. At present the Company anticipates the completion of their work in town by July 1st, 1884.

—The entertainment arranged for Thanksgiving night, in Catholic Union Hall, will eclipse anything that has yet been produced by that Association. All who enjoy a good dramatic performance should avail themselves of the opportunity of attending.

—The autumn course of lectures in the Seminary will close next Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th, when Dr. Howard Crosby will speak upon the subject, "Light Thrown on the Bible by Modern Discoveries in the East." The subject is one of great interest, and the room should be well filled.

—The ladies of Westminster Church propose, about the 17th of December, to give a New England supper. It is their intention to serve this in the Church parlor, and to have music and readings in connection with it, in the room above. This bids fair to be an agreeable variation from the regular style of entertainments.

—Old Stone House Plains (now Brookdale), in former years did a large business in cider making. One firm shipped in one season over three thousand barrels of new cider, besides vinegar and hard stuff. But the war stopped the Southern trade, lager beer supplanted it as a beverage, and chemical compounds usurped its place and control the vinegar market, and in consequence of these changes the old cider mills are deserted and closed. The orchards with their choice Camptulid and Harrison apple trees are disappearing, and the whole business will soon be a thing of the past in that locality.

—Why will not our friend Mr. R. N. Dodd finish that hall above his new stable in a way to make it available for a large class of entertainments? Such, for instance, as lectures, fairs, private or church sociables, etc. To leave it open timbered and with the trusses chamfered and touched with vermilion, while the beams were scraped down and varnished, would not cost as much as to cell it and thus make it low, hot and uncomfortable. Mr. Dodd is a gentleman who hardly needs this suggestion, for he has probably been considering the matter already. But we risk the hint, and make no charge for the good advice.

—The regular meeting of the Westminster Society of Young People was held on Wednesday evening in the church parlor. The programme arranged by the Social Improvement Committee reflects great credit on their judgment, and was as follows: Cornet duet by Messrs. Hinkle and Peloubet; Chorus, "Mapage," in three parts, presented by Misses Marion Olmsted and Jennie Smith, and Messrs. Oscar Mitchell, Henry Sheldon, Jr., and Howard Hardcastle; Solo, by Miss Aurora Mitchell, in which the favorite piece, "Sing Sweet Bird," was skillfully rendered and encored. Messrs. Hinkle and Peloubet closed the programme with another cornet duet, after which the young ladies served an excellent collation.

—The regular meeting of the Young People's Association of the M. E. Church, was held on Tuesday evening at Mr. E. B. Corby's residence, the usual number being present. The programme was slightly interfered with by several persons, who were to take part, being unexpectedly called away from town. The evening, however, was pleasantly spent with reading, recitations and music. A recitation by Miss Allie Hall, another by Miss Anna Lowrie, and a reading by Mr. A. H. Greenwood formed the principal parts. An invitation from the Baptist Young People's Literary Society was read and accepted. This society will therefore attend the meeting of the Baptist Society on Monday evening next in the church.

—THANKSGIVING SERVICES will be held in the Baptist Church, at 11 o'clock on Thursday; Rev. H. W. Ballantine preaching the sermon and the Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches uniting as usual in the exercises.

B. F. A. ITEMS.

—Johnson and the Billy Goat.

—The Fire Marshal wanted that baby carriage "awful bad."

—For solid fun: C. D. M. P. making the fire in the Truck House.

—One of our members says that the letters B. F. A. stand for "Beer From Athens."

—What has made J. T. D. work so hard in cleaning up? Is it remorse for remarks made?

—The Truck Company are indebted (in thanks) to Mr. R. M. Stiles for a ton of coal. Thank you, Robert.

—Members of the B. F. A. who have not secured their badges can get them at the Truck House any evening.

—At a meeting of the Truck Company held on 16th inst., Mr. E. Rensing was unanimously voted a member.

—Mrs. Wm. R. Weeks has presented the Truck Company with an elegant cover, her own handiwork, for their table.

—The B. F. A. will hold a special meeting to-night for the purpose of electing new members to the number of fifteen or more.

—Our Fire Marshal has presented us with a number of miniature fire ladders, made by a member of No. 2 Truck, of Newark.

—The Truck Company boys are ordered to report at Truck House in full uniform on Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th, at not later than 7 P. M.

—All members of Essex No. 1 who will not be able to take part in parade on 27th inst., are requested to report same to Clerk at earliest possible date.

—The Fire Marshal proposes having two men with an extinguisher at every public performance in Bloomfield. A very good idea, especially for the two dead-heads.

—The young enthusiasts are dead. Alas! they were "sat upon" at a meeting of the Truck Company last week. *Requiescant in pace.* "Who will make the fires now?" Some other man.

—The Truck Company made about \$400 out of their entertainment, the expenses being very heavy; in fact, no expense was spared to make the thing a success, and give their patrons full value for their money. The money will probably go for a bell tower.

—The truck boys want a nice young dog for the Truck House. Any person having one and desiring to get rid of it, will please communicate with the Clerk. [NOTE.—We cheerfully commend this pathetic request. All stray "pups" should be delivered at the Truck House at 8 o'clock, Saturday evening, sharp.—EDS. CITIZEN.]

—We have heard a rumor that Mr. Geo. V. Hecker offered the departments nearly \$250 to turn out, but that it was refused. We know nothing of the facts, but will wager a large amount it was not so. Firemen are always ready and willing to work without reward, as was seen lately in one case at Plainfield, N. J., where they dragged an engine four miles on a hilly road, out of limits, only because a request was sent to send a few men. Of course they are always willing to receive presents, but, when needed, will not stop to make a bargain.

—There have been so many misstatements made in regard to the alarm of fire last Sunday morning, that in justice to all parties the actual facts should be known. At about 3:15 A. M. a man, whose name is unknown, rushed over to the gas house and informed one of the men that the Brick Row building, on Bloomfield Avenue, was on fire, and he immediately gave the whistle, which was responded to from Peloubet's factory. (This should surely be commended, as it is better to have a hundred false alarms than a delay in case of an actual fire, as five minutes' delay may cause a loss of thousands of dollars.) About ten men reached the Truck House promptly; some of them were outsiders, who have our thanks for their willing help. It was seen immediately by the member in charge that the fire was out of limits. It is known positively that about twenty-five members were up and on the alert, but seeing that the fire was a long distance off returned to their beds. It certainly would have been better if these men had made their appearance at the Truck House, as in duty bound, for an alarm was sounded, and it was their place to respond. This question has been and will be open to a good deal of discussion, but the fact remains, that, when an alarm sounds, it is the duty of each member to respond, and not to inquire the why and wherefore. Horses were harnessed and ready, and it was not on account of not being able to change the pole, as has been reported, that they were not hitched to the truck, but that the fire was seen to be at such a great distance. The fire was at St. Cloud, the residence of Geo. V. Hecker, and the house was burned to the ground. It might be well to state here that alarms of fire can be given at gas house, Peloubet's factory, residence of janitor of the Baptist Church, opposite the church, and at the house of Father Nardiello, corner of Liberty and State Streets. For the time being this will have to serve; we hope soon to have a tower and alarm erected at Truck House, where better arrangements will be perfected.

ESSEX ONE.

Montclair.

THE regular meeting of "The Literary" was held on Monday evening last at the Congregational Church Chapel.

A large audience was present, when at 8 o'clock Dr. Marvin announced the subject of the evening, as "The Poets and Poetry of our Civil War," and that the first item on the programme was the song and chorus, "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," Mr. Pearsall singing the solo, and the audience, led by the choir, the chorus. Following this was the essay, "Poetry of our Civil War," in which Mr. John R. Howard reviewed, and gave extracts from, and titles of many of the poems, North and South, before, during and after the war. The paper was very interesting, and as Mr. Howard said at close, "He would not apologize for the length of the paper, as he was only able to just glance at the most deserving."

Some of his selections, as "Let me alone," and the extract from *Punch* in memory of Abraham Lincoln, and others, brought back the recollection of those dark days. The description of the march of the Massachusetts Sixth through Broadway, and the celebrated order of Gen. J. C. Fremont, giving freedom to slaves owned by enemies of the United States, were graphic, and had the additional interest of being in Mr. Howard's personal reminiscences. A young lady then read the poem, "Lint," This was followed by a solo by Mr. Benjamin. Dr. Shelton read "Massachusetts to Virginia," Dr. Marvin read "Civil War," and then the choir gave "Tenting To-night," Miss E. Marvin singing the solo. Mr. J. R. Livermore read "Wounded to Death," and Mr. Benjamin sang a solo, "The Trooper's Death." Miss L. Johnson read "Driving Home the Cows," and Mr. Pratt "In State," and, as a finale, the choir sang "Victory at last." The Literaries are deservedly popular, and are one of the institutions of Montclair.

FIREBRANDS.

—Sorry, Essex, that we haven't any room "under the stage," but will try and do the affair up all Wright. Perhaps we Puffer selves up by thinking so, but that's a way we have. (This don't quite come up to Gas-bag effusion, but, as he isn't present, we'll be Schott if this won't do for this Casey.)

—A rumor reaches us that Essex housed their truck, after last alarm, pole in, as no officer was present. They were worse off than Montclair, for we had two officers out at our last alarm—and of the two who were left, one "didn't hear the bell," the other "was out of town."

—Illumination, decorations, fireworks, colored fires, music, parade, reception, collation, etc., are the order for Tuesday evening, Nov. 27th. Montclair, Essex, subscribers to Montclair fund, Montclair Town Committee, Chiefs and Assistants of Orange, East Orange, Newark, and Battalion Chief Rowe of the N. Y. F. D., as the active participants, and the general public as audience. This, in brief, is the programme:

M. H. & L. Co., No. 1, meet at Truck House at 7 P. M.; form and march down Bloomfield Avenue to the Telephone Station, when they will receive the Essex H. & L. Co., No. 1, of Bloomfield, and in the following order of procession:

Montclair Police Force.
Dr. J. H. Casey, Grand Marshal.
Ten Uniformed Torch Bearers.
Vose's First New Jersey Regt. Band—Sixteen Pieces.
Montclair Township Committee.
Invited Chiefs and Assistants.
Bloomfield Drum Corps.
President and Officers of the B. F. A.
Bloomfield Fire Marshal.
Foreman Way and Assistant Foreman Jenkins.
Essex H. & L. Co., No. 1, Forty-five Men, with their Truck.
Foreman Schott, Assistant Foreman Westbrook and Secretary Wright.
Montclair H. & L. Co., No. 1—Thirty-five Men.

They will take up the following line of march:

Up Bloomfield Avenue to Hawley Street, through Hawley Street to Washington Street, up Washington Street to Elm Street, through Elm Street to Bloomfield Avenue, up Bloomfield Avenue to Fullerton Avenue, up Fullerton Avenue to Union Street, up Union Street to Harrison Avenue, through Harrison Avenue to Gates Avenue, up Gates Avenue to Mountain Avenue, through Mountain Avenue to Clairmont Avenue, down Clairmont Avenue to Valley, round through Valley Road to Bloomfield Avenue, down Bloomfield Avenue to Park Street, through Park Street to Walnut Street, down Walnut Street to Fullerton Avenue extension, and through this Avenue to Montclair Hall, where the procession will be dismissed. The trucks will be placed on exhibition in the lots on Fullerton Avenue, back of J. G. Crane & Sons' hardware store, where all who wish may examine them.

The companies and their guests will then go into Montclair Hall, where the subscribers to the Montclair Truck Fund shall have already gathered, and will find five long tables, with seats for two hundred.

During the collation, the band will give selections. After cigars have been passed, short and witty speeches, songs,

etc., will be listened to until the order to "fall in" is given.

On resuming the march, Essex will be escorted to the Telephone Station and with "Auld Lang Syne," the first anniversary of the Montclair Fire Department will be ended.

Montgomery Gas.

—Washington never made his headquarters in Montgomery, but Abram S. Hewitt's grandfather once had a machine shop in the lower regions of Soho. This is the reason the name was again resurrected.

—The hunters that have been exploring the highways in search of game are getting scarce. Rabbits generally hide in the woods, swamps or thickets, and do not make a practice of promenading the public streets.

—Why were the Ballots left out of the CITIZEN last week? was a question heard in this vicinity last Saturday. They are the best thing the paper contains, some persons think. Don't do it again.

—It was hardly necessary to move the time back to the seventy-fifth meridian hereabouts. It has been forty years behind the rest of the world during the last century. It will take more than four minutes to get on a par with surrounding villages.

—Belleville celebrates this week the second centennial of the first house erected in its boundaries (the Old Van Rensselaer homestead). After sheltering the F. F. B's for 300 years, it has at length degenerated into a gin-mill. To what base uses do we come at last.

—Montgomery contains one lamp-post and one guide-board. The lamp, although a light affair, seldom sheds its benignant rays upon the belated passer, while strangers have been known to stand directly in front of the guide-board inquiring the way to Bloomfield.

—Some one has complained of the perfume emitted occasionally by the chemical works. Don't be in a hurry, friends. The proprietors of these works are gentlemen, and promise to correct this matter or abandon the manufacture of the article that gives the offence.

—This correspondent thinks it would be a good idea to establish a code of signals with the Bloomfield Fire Department, so that, in case of another conflagration, we might have something better than a little Babcock Extinguisher to fight the fire king. It can be easily arranged, and as there is nothing mean about Montgomery, we would make it all right with the boys.

—A musical soiree is held each Friday evening at the residence of one of our citizens. Mr. C. Vanderwerken, as organist, and Mr. F. Hinkle with the cornet, have contributed much to the success of these entertainments. The singing of Miss Kate Robinson and Miss Mary Close is also highly appreciated. This is a step in the right direction. This society is known as the M. M. S. & F. L. C. GAS-BAG.

L'Homme Qui Rit.

To the Bloomfield Citizen:

WHILE the larger part of the members of the B. F. A. are Republicans, it is not by any means a Republican organization, as would appear in reading Mr. James L. Walsh's communication in last week's paper. We have in, as members, many Democrats, and hope to get in more, but in a town like Bloomfield, so largely Republican, it would indeed be surprising if in any organization outside of a political club Democrats should form a majority. The officers, members, and promoters, have tried and will continue to try to prevent the entrance of politics in any form, and for that very reason hesitated whether to open the Truck House on Election night for the purpose of receiving returns. A public notice was given and all were invited. As regards the telegrams, there was nothing "special" or prepared, and those in charge are ready to take affidavit that nothing was given out except what came from the telegraph office. Mr. Cooper is ready to certify that "Hudson County's 1,000 Democratic majority," and all the other dispatches, came over the wire. As to the crowd being a Republican one; that was not the fault of the B. F. A.; neither could the "ovation" received by Messrs. Walsh and Beam on their entrance have been prevented by those in authority. Messrs. Walsh and Beam may have been provoked, and probably had cause; but certainly B. F. A., as an association, gave no cause or offence to either of the gentlemen. The item which brought forth his reply did not appear in the B. F. A. Notes, and was, in fact, in the general column—a note by itself. Furthermore, it did not even hint as to who the "Glen Ridge Democrat" might be. Surely there are more than two Democrats in Glen Ridge. Yet Mr. Walsh seems to think it referred to either Mr. Beam or himself.

MEMBERS OF B. F. A.
[NOTE: We think that the above communication is a bit of plebeianry in altogether too severe a strain. It appeared to us that the whole matter was a jest and we should be sorry to consider it anything else.—EDS. CITIZEN.]

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